

A Prayer.

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prouidence our bzethrē, which haue
taken sword in hand, for the defence
of thy Gospell, confounde O Lorde
those that go about to aduance that
strumpet of Rōome, the maintainer
of al Heresies. Thou seest deare fa-
ther the strife of our neighbours
beyonde the Seas, w ho onely seeke
safely to do worshippinge to thy holpe
name: let thy Arme bee seene thys
time to helpe them, that the other
may know, what it is to offend such
a mighty God, as thou art, O Lord
whose power is omnipotent, whose
mercy is euerlasting, to thee we ap-
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whole discription, ayde,
and helpe of the Christian Princes
and Nobles, the vvhich for the
comfort and deliueraunce
of the poore Christians
in the low Countries,
are gathered together,
and are novve vvith
their armies in
the fielde.

Drawen and Copied out of a letter, sent
vnto vs out of the same Campe.

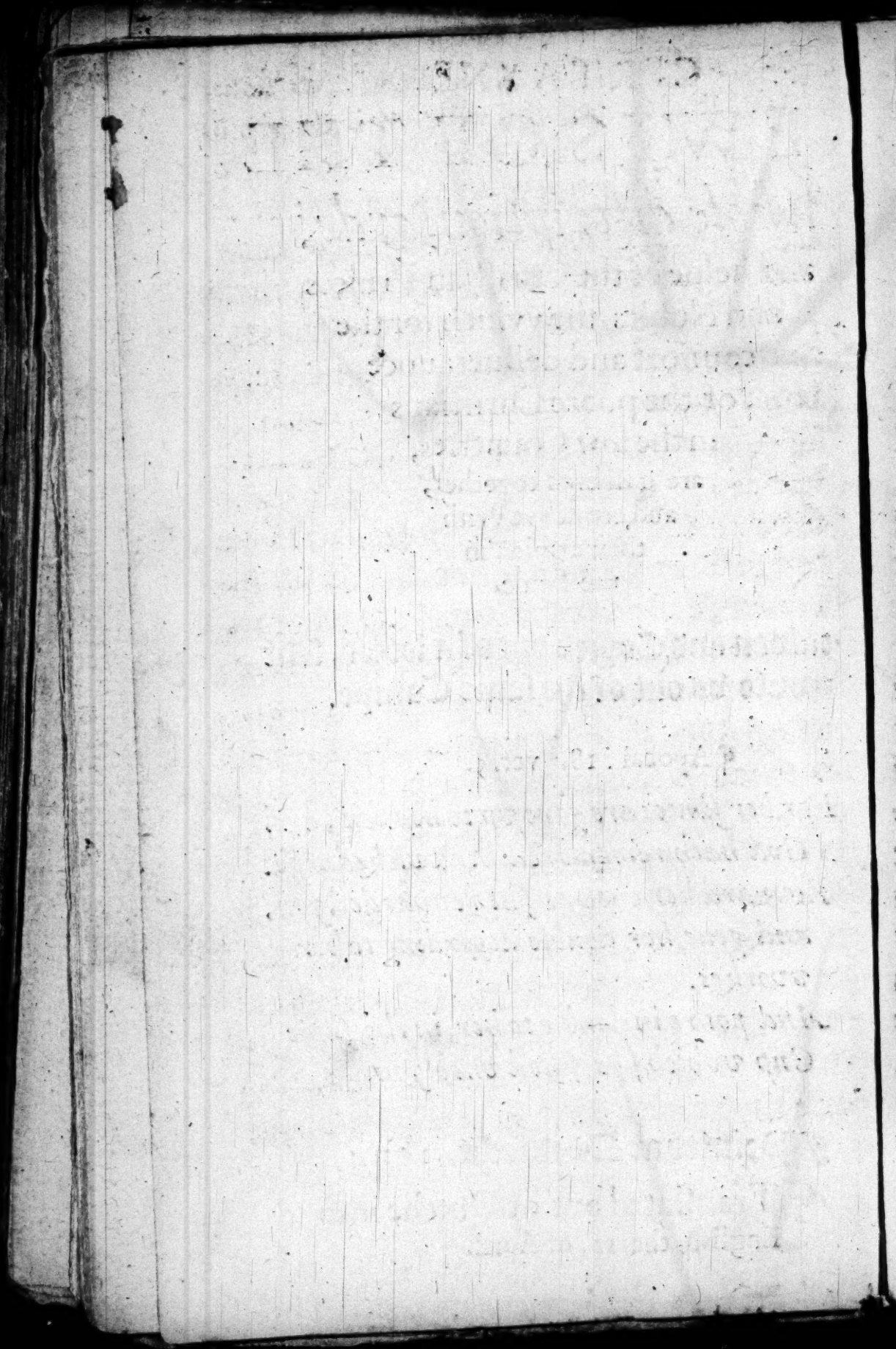
¶ Apocal. 18. ver. 5.

*For, her sinnes are gone vp to heauen, and
God hath remembred her vvickednesse.
Revvard her euen as she revvarded you,
and geue her double according to her
vvorkes.*

*And poure in double to her, in the same
Cup, vvhich she filled vnto you.*

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English, the. 12. of April.





Cloued Reader, wee finde
in the olde and auncient
Hystories & Monuments,
and that amongst al other
wise Monarchies & kings.
wee reade howe the great and mightie
Caughista, king of Egypt, when he sawe
that he should dye, he called vnto him his
seuen sonnes, and hauing a Quiver of
Arrowes bound in a bundel, comman-
ded them one after another to breake
them in peces, the which when it was
not possible for them to do, he caused the
bundel to be vnloosed, and caused them to
be scattered one from the other, coman-
ding eche of them to breake one of them,
which then was very easie to be done: he
wylling to teache his seuen sonnes by
this example, that if so be they were de-
uided in the kingdome, & kept not them-
selues within the bondes of vnitie and
concorde, that then they easilie should be
consumed, broken in peces, and thrust
out of their Empire. In like maner wee
reade of the olde Granduellis, howe hee
left this for a testament in his last will,
vnto

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unto that mightie Emperoꝝ Charles the
fift, that if so be his Maiestie woulde
prosper in the Romaine Emppꝛe accor-
ding to his wyll, that then he shoulde en-
deuour him selfe to the vttermoſt of his
power, to raise all hatred and discoꝛde to
be betwene the elected Pꝛinces, and the
other Pꝛinces of the Empire, that in the
meane time, while they were at strife,
and warred one with the other, then the
Eagle might eate and deuour them all:
this subtile practise hath that antechrist
of Rome, this seuen yeres here in these
low Countries, and about ten or twelue
yeres in Fraunce, not without greate
bloodshedde and vtter ruine of both these
Countries practised: And except that the
Almightie God with his strong arme had
turned them from vs, that hellishe Dra-
gon, with the water that proceedeth out
of his mouth, woulde haue dꝛowned and
deuoured vs vp: And that this was their
practise, we may perceiue, for if they had
once ouercome Fraunce, and these lowe
Countries, they woulde procede farther,
against all the Pꝛinces and Nobles vnder

der the Emperre, which haue and doe
confesse the Gospell, spoyling them of all
dominion and libertie, yea, and of their
liues also, as it may manifestly appeare
by the bloody execution of that tyrannish
Counsell of Trent, and the Spanish In-
quisition, which spareth neither Dukes,
Earles, nor Lordes, of what state soeuer
they be, but against all promise, sayth,
and fidelitie, like most wicked periturers,
haue most pitiously murdered, beheaded,
and taken their liues from them.

By the whiche, through the illumina-
tion of God, there are moued the chiefe
protestant Princes of the Romane Em-
perre, who foreseeing what might come to
passe, haue thought that if they shoulde
nowe holde their peace and be still, and
not assist their fellowe members of the
faith, in the time of their neede, that then
so soone as the tyrant had quenched his
yre in Fraunce, and in these lowe Coun-
tries, with sheadding of Christian blood,
and murdering all Magistrates and sub-
iectes, vnto the which he aspireth, that
then hee woulde also procede againste
them.

them, and not put vp his bloody sworde
into the Scabbard, tyl that he had rooted
out of all landes, all those that denie the
Woꝛde, and acknowledge Chꝛist onely to
be the head of the Church.


And albeit that the Godlye and Chꝛi-
stian Magistrates knowe of a suretie,
that Almighty G D D, with his mightie
hand, can deliuer his Church, without
the assistance of any man, neuerthelesse
we may finde in holy Wꝛiting, that God
by his appoynted Magistrates, hath al-
wayes defended the same, and specially,
hoꝛe the father of all the faithfull, our
father Abraham, when he heard that his
brother Lot, and all his goodes and house-
holde were taken and caried away cap-
tiue, he arose vp with all his power and
pursued the enemyes and slewe them, &
deliuered those that were taken, withall
theyꝝ goodes, and restored to euery man
his owne, so that if all examples that
could bee shewed should here bee bzought
in, it would bee tedious for the chꝛistian
Reader, but this must we well note and
vnderstande, that God hath geuen the
sworde

ſworde into the Magiſtrates hand to de-
fend the good and innocent, and to puniſh
the wicked and vngodly: Yea, that moſt
vnchriftian Emperour Traianus, when
hee ordained any Pretor, and gaue to him
the ſword of iuſtice, would ſay thus vnto
him, Uſe thy ſworde againſt mine ene-
mies, in iuſt cauſes, and if I my ſelfe doe
otherwiſe then iuſtice, vſe thy power vpon
mee alſo.

Let vs then Chriſtian Reader, gene
thanks vnto the almighty God, who hath
raiſed vp theſe godly Princes and Ma-
giſtrates, to be meanes for to deliuer his
poore afflicted people, the which for theyr
ſinnes, haue this while bene woꝛthely
punished.

And therefore are wee bound to pray to
God from the bottom of our hearts, that
hee wyll gouerne with his holyc Spirite
theſe Princes and Nobles, whiche are
gathered nowe togeather for our ayde
and comfort, that they maye in all theyr
enterpriſes, ſeeke nothing elſe but the
gloꝛye of God, the honour of his holyc
name, and the commoditie of al Chriſtens

dome, and that the Devilliche, Popishe,
and Antechristian Kingdome may
bee rooted out and utterly
destroyed.
Amen.

 *The description of the*
Princes and Nobles which are now
gathered together, and haue to their
aduauntage the Citie of Maseike:
vwhere as it is novve very commodi-
ous for them to passe ouer the Mase
by Ship into Brabant.

AND therefore Christian Reader, that
thou mayest prayse the great and
marueylous goodnesse of God, who as
hee hath the heartes of all Princes and
gouernours in his hande, and hath not
onely moued them to ayde and assist vs,
but also hath made them willing to turne
that great tyranny backe from vs, which
truly the Pope by his enterprises would
haue brought on vs, and all other godlye
Christians, in what lande or dominion
soeuer

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sooner they were: we haue therefore for
your comfortes, caused theyr names, and
Armies, with their preparations of Rut-
ters and other Souldiers, here vnder to
bee witten, that ye thereby Christian
Reader, might haue better entelligence
thereof as followeth:

Duke Magnus, brother vnto the might-
tye and Renowned King of Denmark,
a Noble man, and verie expert in the
Warres, hee amongst all other is cho-
sen chiefe General of the fielde, and ouer
all the rest of the other, wyse Marshall
Princes and Nobles, and he hath vnder
his owne government, 2500. Horse, and
4000. Gunners.

Duke Hans Cazimirus, and Philip
Land graue of Hessen, they haue bothe
1500. Horse, and .10. Ensignes of Soul-
diours.

Duke Christopher, Sonne vnto the
Palsgraue, hath, 2500. Horse, and .4000.
Gunners.

Graue

Graue Lodvvick, Graue Iohn, Graue
Henrick of Nassovv, Bzethzen vnto the
renowmed pzince of Orrange, they haue
betwæne them. 4000. Horse, and 8000.
Gunners.

Item Graue Lodvvick hath beside these
900. Light horsmen, and .2000. Gun-
ners, which shoote with Cozriers.

Also there is the renowmed and elec-
ted Pzince, Duke Augustus, althoughe
not in his owne person, yet with his fa-
uourable aide, he is with the afoznamed
Armye. And vnto these also are ioyned
the Duke of Saxon, and the Duke of
VVymeren, for that as yet they are vn-
mustred, we can adde no certaine num-
ber.

The other Armye.

Besydese these, Iulius Duke of Bruynf-
vvick, a very Ritche and mightye Lorde,
pitying the state of the poore Christians,
and being one that hath a true loue vnto
the

the Gospell of Iesu Chzist, and a berye
 enemye vnto the Antichrist of Rome,
 hath ioyned him selfe, and geuen his con-
 sent to this great preparatyon of these
 Warres, and hath appoynted the expert
 and couragious, Graue of Svartzens-
 borch, to bee generall ouer his Armye,
 which doe gather them selues togeather
 in fielde betweene Paterborne, and Soest
 in VVestphalen, and hath vnder his go-
 uernment these that follow:

Mandersloe hath vnder his band. 4000
 Ruitters, and two bandes of Souldiours,
 and there followeth vnto these Armies
 daylye, many Barrons, Squyers, and
 Gentlemen, with other credible Mar-
 chauntes and Citizens, the which being
 moued with a Godly zeale, doe not here,
 in seeke anye of theyr owne profite or
 gaine, but rather the glozpe of God, and
 the commoditie of the whole lande and
 Provinces, & that the consciences of the
 poore captiues that are in Babilon, vnder
 the handes of that mighty Hunter Nem-
 rod, which is the Pope of Roine, might
 bee deliuered.

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The Conclusion.

For as much beloued Reader, that the almighty God hath so mercifully appeared vnto vs, and hath offered this his present benefites & helpe, Let vs not make small account thereof, or lightly regard it, but rather let vs with a Godly life and conuersation, in prayer and thanks geuing, attend and wayte on the good wyll and pleasure of God, not murmuring & saying, that the maintenance of so many Ruitters and souldiours doth impouerish, and bzing the whole countrey into great miserie; for, this wee may assure our selues, and therein take comfort, if so bee the Tyrants should get the vpperhande, they wil not bee content with our Cities, Landes, goodes, and possessions, but they would force our Wiues, rauishe and defile our Daughters, kyll our young men, murther our olde men and women, and with penurye and hunger, famishe our Childzen and sucking Infantes, and so bzing vs into such an euerlasting thraldome and bondage, that we should haue wished rather to haue died, if it were possible

able a thousand times, then to lyue any
longer in such a myserable captiuitie &
misery. Therfoze most deare christians,
let vs thinke, although wee are bindzed a
yere oꝛ two, of our goodes & occupying, foꝛ
to withstand the enemye, wee know and
hope notwithstanding, that God by such
meanes wyll giue vnto vs his holy word
and Gospell, which is not to bee bought
foꝛ any wordly goodes oꝛ treasure: and
foꝛ as muche as wee hope, that once
within these fewe dayes, God wyll dꝛiue
the Tyrant away from vs, and blesse
vs with all maner of blessings, . wee ly-
uing godly and in his feare, our countrey
shall prosper in all godlinesse and other
kinde of occupying, the which God
graunt vnto vs foꝛ his sonne

Christes sake.

Amen.

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Edict, vppon the fact of the
execution of both the Religions,

Statuted by the Bailiefes, Schepens, of both the
Benches, and both the Wardens of the Citie
of Ghaunt, by the Commandement of my Lord the

Prince
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